peace and tranquillity along the line of actual control such as prior notification of military exercises, prevention of air intrusions and redeployment of forces along the line of actual control. Both sides expressed their satisfaction at the steady and perceptible improvement in bilateral ties. It was agreed in principle to open an additional border trade point at Shipkila Pass. Views were also exchanged on regional and international issues of mutual interest. It was also decided to hold the next meeting of the Joint Working Group in Beijing in early 1994.

(c) and (d) Confidence building measures already agreed to between India and China such as exchanges between the defence establishments of the two countries, meetings of border commanders, and establishment of direct telephone links at the border have helped in maintaining peace and tranquillity all along the line of actual control and have enhanced mutual trust and confidence.

Suspension of US Aid

1077. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention was drawn to the reported move in the Foreign Affairs Committee of the US Congress to suspend US aid worth $ 40 Million, linking to the socalled Human rights record of India and demanding repeal of the five preventive detention laws in force in India, TADA, NSA, J&K Public Safety Act;

(b) what was the Government's reaction; and

(c) what steps have been taken to dispel the wrong and falacious opinion amongst American people about the situation in J&K and Punjab and to enlighten the US Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government constantly monitor such developments in the US Congress. Our Ambassador in Washington as well as other Embassy officials are in constant touch with a large number of Congressmen from both political parties and also leading opinion makers in the US in order to put matters in a correct perspective. They also maintain regular interaction with the US Government at all levels. The Indian-American community has also been requested to reach out and write to their representatives on these issues. Government's efforts in this regard are of a continuous ongoing character.

Indo-US Differences on J&K Issue

1078. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are differences in policies and perceptions of the Government of USA and the Government of India on Jammu and Kashmir issue;

(b) if so, what are the points of such differences;

(c) whether any efforts have been made to sort out the differences in question since December 1991; and

(d) what is the outcome thereof?

OF STATE IN THE
RNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The US Government regards Kashmir as disputed territory on both sides of the LOC. The US favours a peaceful settlement of the problem between India and Pakistan taking into account the views of the Kashmiris themselves. The US has expressed willingness to help in this process provided this is desired by both India and Pakistan. The US has also urged that India take steps to curb the abuses by its security forces, making them strictly accountable for their actions.

Government have consistently maintained that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India and that the extraordinary situation there has to be seen in the context of Pakistan's continuing support to terrorism. Government have emphasised that India's commitment to human rights is second to none. India is an open society with adequate constitutional, administrative and legal safeguards for the protection of human rights.

(c) and (d) In official discussions between India and the US both sides have stated their respective positions.

Supply of Cryogenic Missile Technology to India

1079. SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minis-

ter of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether President Yeltsin of Russia has made a formal call that India should sign the Missile Technology Control Regime and that India should intensify her explanation to the world that its missile programme is for peaceful purposes; and

(b) whether it signifies a departure from the previous stance of commitment for supply of cryogenic missile technology to India ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) Yes, Sir. President Yeltsin had suggested that a clear statement by both India and Russia on their readiness to join the Missile Technology Control Regime as full members would invoke a positive response in the world. India's principled stand, that till such time as arrangements such as the MTCR and NPT are discriminatory, ad hoc and do not take into account legitimate developmental concerns; they would not be acceptable to the people and Parliament of India, has been reiterated to the Russian side.

(b) The Russian Government has invoked the Force Majeure Clause of the ISRO-Glavkosmos Contract of January 1991 in respect of the transfer of technology and production equipment aspects of the Contract. This has been done as a result of the decision of the Russian Government regarding improvement of control of exports from Russia of materials, equipment and technology used for making rocket engines. Discussions on this are to be held with the Russian side.

India's Warning to Pakistan on Support to Terrorism

1080. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India warned Pakistan recently to stop its active and sustained support to terrorism and subversion directed against India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is reaction of Pakistan thereto;

(d) whether India also propose to take up this issue in U.N.O. and other international fora; and

(e) if so, the strategy evolves for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (c) Government have, on several occasions in the recent past and at various levels, urged Pakistan to stop its support and encouragement to terrorism directed against India. Regrettably, despite Pakistani assurances, this support continues.

(d) and (e) Government have and will continue to apprise the international community of the support being extended by Pakistan to subversion and terrorism directed against India and dangers inherent in support to such cross-border terrorism. There is growing international concern at the support terrorists receive from Pakistan.

Setting up of Consular Offices in Bangalore

1081. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangalore has attracted many hightec industries of multinational companies and therefore Karnataka Government has appealed for setting up of Consular Offices of some of the developed countries; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken for early setting up of Consular Offices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In keeping with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, 1963, establishment of consular relations between two states take place by mutual consent. It is for the foreign Government concerned, desirous of opening a Consular Post/Office, to convey their intentions to the receiving state through diplomatic channels. While examining such requests, the principle of reciprocity is normally observed.

Recently the Government has received a request for opening an honorary Consular Office in Bangalore. The proposal is under consideration.

Fake Passport and Visa

1082. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether major airline offices have